UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

PLAINTIFF

v.

CHERYL L. SMITH,

DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE AND SALE

(Title to Real Estate Involved)

Mortgage Recorded in York County Registry of Deeds at Book 15088, Page 328

Street Address: 760 Parker Farm Road, Buxton, Maine 04093

COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE

NOW COMES the United States Department of Agriculture (the "Plaintiff"), by and through its Counsel and complains against the Defendant as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1345.
- 2. Venue is properly exercised pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2) insofar as all or a substantial portion of the events that give rise to Plaintiff's claims transpired in the State of Maine and the subject property is located in the State of Maine.

PARTIES

 Plaintiff is a Government Agency with an address of P.O. Box 66827, St. Louis, MO 63166. 4. Cheryl L. Smith (the "Defendant") is an individual with a last-known mailing address of P.O. BOX 1311, Town of Westbrook, County of Cumberland, and State of Maine.

FACTS

- 5. On or about February 20, 2007, Defendant executed and delivered a promissory note (the "Note") to Plaintiff in the original principal amount of \$159,650.00. A true copy of the Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and is incorporated herein.
- 6. On or about February 20, 2007, Defendant granted a mortgage (the "Mortgage") to Plaintiff to secure the Note. The Mortgage is recorded in York County Registry of Deeds at Book 15088, Page 328. A true copy of the Mortgage is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and is incorporated herein.
- 7. The property secured by the Mortgage is commonly known as 760 Parker Farm Road, Buxton, ME 04093 and is more particularly described in Exhibit A to the Mortgage (the "Property").

Foreclosure of Mortgage Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. §§ 6321-6326

- 8. Default exists under the terms of the Note in that the monthly payment due under the terms of the Note on September 20, 2014, and all further payments coming due under the terms of the Note on any later date, have not been paid.
- 9. As a result of the default under the terms of the Note, the condition of the Mortgage has been breached.
- 10. Plaintiff has complied with 14 M.R.S.A. § 6111 and the notice provisions in the Note and Mortgage. A true copy of the notice required by 14 M.R.S.A. § 6111, as sent by Plaintiff's Counsel, together with proof of mailing of the same, collectively are attached as **Exhibit 3** and are incorporated herein.

- 11. As of December 15, 2024, the amount due and owing on the loan evidenced by the Note and secured by the Mortgage consisted of \$148,086.86 in principal, \$117,865.08 in accrued interest and \$49,285.37 in other fees, for a total of \$315,237.31.
- 12. Additional interest continues to on the principal balance at the rate of \$23.3288 per day.
- 13. Under the terms of the Note and the Mortgage, repayment of all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by Plaintiff in enforcing the Note and in bringing this action are payable to Plaintiff and are secured by the Mortgage.
- 14. Under the terms of 14 M.R.S.A. § 6101, if Plaintiff prevails in foreclosing upon the Mortgage in this proceeding, then it shall be entitled to have its reasonable attorney fees incurred for the foreclosure to be included with the expense of publication, service, and recording in making up the sum to be tendered by Defendant, or any person claiming under Defendant, in order to be entitled to redeem the Property from the Mortgagee.
- 15. Plaintiff certifies that it is the owner and holder of the Note and owner of the Mortgage, and that Plaintiff is the party entitled to enforce the Note as the owner and holder of the same.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that this Court:

- A. Determine that there has been a breach of condition of the Mortgage;
- B. Determine the amount due on the obligations secured by the Mortgage, including, but not limited to, principal, interest, late charges, reasonable attorney's fees, and court costs;
- C. Determine the order of priority of such other parties as may appear, together with the amounts due such parties, if any;
- D. Issue a judgment of foreclosure and sale in conformity with Title 14, §6322;
- E. Grant possession of the Property to the Plaintiff upon expiration of the period of redemption; and

F. Grant the Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated this April 29, 2025

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